

**REMARKS**

Prior to entry of this Amendment:

- Claims **1-167** were pending in the present application
- Claims **75-86, 88-93, 96-143 and 154-161** are pending and have been withdrawn from consideration
- Claims **1-74, 87, 94, 95, 144-153 and 162-167** stand rejected

Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below:

- Claims **1-44 and 46-167** will be pending
- Claim 45 will be canceled
- Claims **1, 48, 58, 75-79, 81-88, 90-96, 107-112, 125, 129-131, 136-138, and 144-167** will be the only independent claims

**A. Claim 45 Has Been Canceled**

This Amendment is submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal on November 25, 2003.

Claim 45 will be canceled by this Amendment. Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a)-(b), an Amendment After Appeal may be made that cancels claims.

We respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

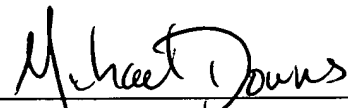
**B. Conclusion**

It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at [mdowns@walkerdigital.com](mailto:mdowns@walkerdigital.com).

Respectfully submitted,



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